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INFO/ ZEN AMCONSUL NUEVO LAREDO

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: ARREST OF PDERO GAYTAN ELIAS

REF: MEXICO 1915

1. MEXICAN FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE, ACTING AT DIRECTION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MINISTRY AGENT SALVADOR DEL TORO ROSALES, ARRESTED MIGUEL ELIAS GAYTAN AKA PEDRO GAYTAN ELIAS IN NUEVO LAREDO ON MARCH 22. GAYTAN, DESCRIBED AS SECOND RANKING ON FJP " MOST WANTED" LIST, IN POSSESSION OF SOME 868 KILOGRAMS OF PACKAGED MARIJUANA AT TIME OF HIS ARREST. HE IS ALSO ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN JULY 1972 MURDER OF FORMER FJP COMMANDER EVERARDO PERALES RIOS; ACCORDING TO ONE NUEVO LAREDO NEWSPAPER, GAYTAN HAD PAID 500,000 PESOS TO LIC. FRANCISCO JAVIER BERNAL TO ARRANGE FOR ASSASSINATION BY HIRED GUNMEN UNDER LATTER' S CONTROL. GAYTAN WAS LISTED AS CLASS I VIOLATOR BY BNDD; BNDD MCALLEN PROVIDED INFORMATION MATERIAL TO GAYTAN' S ARREST.

2. SOME PRESS ACCOUNTS ALLEGE THAT GAYTAN WORKED CLOSELY WITH GANG COMMANDED BY " LOS COYOTES " ( REFTEL).  
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OTHER ACCOUNTS TIE HIM INTO NOTORIOUS REYES PRUNEDA FAMILY. GAYTAN, AFTER ARREST, EVIDENTLY FINGERED PRUNEDA AS HAVING BEEN DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDER OF PERALES RIOS.

3. IT IS PLAUSIBLE THAT VARIOUS GANGS IN NUEVO LAREDO AREA LONG HAVE WORKED IN ALLIANCE. NOW THAT HEAT IS ON, THERE MIGHT BE SOME FALLING OUT AMONGST THEM; THIS, OF COURSE, WOULD BE USEFUL DEVELOPMENT AS FAR AS LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS ARE CONCERNED.

4. MEANWHILE, SECOND FJP AGENT WOUNDED IN CHINA INCIDENT ( REFTEL) DIED. END USERS MAY WISH TO REFER TO A-16 AND A-17 SUBMITTED BY CONSUL IN NUEVO LAREDO FOR FURTHER REPORTING ON RELATED INCIDENTS.  
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